

INTRODUCTION

Purpose and Scope

This edition of the *Voting Assistance Guide* is designed to help the following persons participate in U.S. primary and general elections during 2004 and 2005 even though they may not be able to vote in person at the polls:

- Members of the U.S. Uniformed Services, which includes the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, and the Commissioned Corps of the Public Health Service and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration;
- Members of the U.S. merchant marine;
- Family members of the above;
- U.S. Citizens residing outside the U.S.

Sources of Assistance

Absentee voting information on the original printing of this *Guide* is current through September 2003. Procedures or primary election dates that change after publication will be updated through the Federal Voting Assistance Program's (FVAP) World Wide Web site at www.fvap.gov as they are

received. These changes are also disseminated by voting news releases distributed to voting assistance personnel in all Federal government departments and agencies with voting assistance programs. The same channels are used to disseminate information about special and other elections.

In addition, the Voting Information Center (VIC) provides a 24 hour recorded service with information on current and upcoming elections, recorded messages from incumbent U.S. Senators, U.S. Representatives, State Governors and State Chief Election Officials. Approximately thirty days prior to an election, messages from Congressional and Gubernatorial candidates are also available. The VIC telephone numbers are (800) 438-8683, (703) 588-1343 or DSN 425-1343. The VIC can also be called toll-free from overseas on any of the numbers listed on the inside back cover.

Each Military Department, the Coast Guard, and the Department of State has a Voting Action Officer to assist installation and unit Voting Assistance Officers and Embassy/Consulate Voting Assistance Officers with any questions or problems they may have concerning voting. The information below will help you contact your Service Voting Action Officer.

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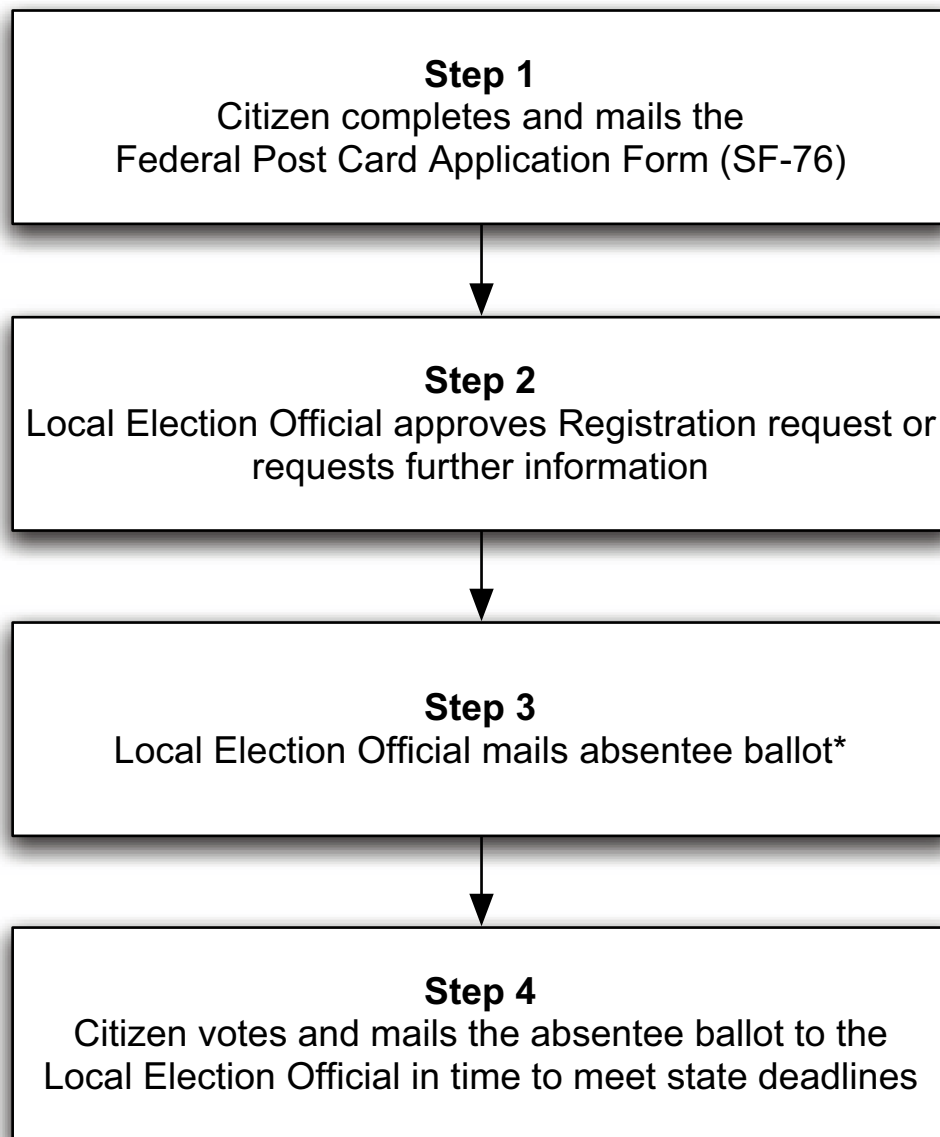
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THE BASIC ABSENTEE VOTING PROCESS



* In order to receive an absentee ballot in a timely manner, it is imperative for citizens to keep their local election official informed of address changes.